

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Commission of the European Communities. Health and Consumer Protection Directorate-General Directorate E – Safety of the food chain
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Fish oil [HS: 1504], Crude vegetable oil [HS: 1507 to 1516], Fish meal [HS: 2301]; Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding [HS: 2309]. ICS: 25.120 Animal feeding stuffs
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Member States of the European Communities (EC) and third countries exporting the products concerned to the EC.
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft Commission Directive amending Annex I to Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum levels for organochlorine compounds in animal feed (SANCO/1524/2006 - revision 1, 6 pages).
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This proposal amends the current provisions as regards the levels of endosulfan for crude vegetable oil and of aldrin/dieldrin in fish oil and fish feed. It was also necessary to clarify the denomination of fats in order to make clear the coverage of this category of feed materials.  The other provisions as regards the organochlorine compounds are existing provisions (are mentioned in the current proposal for reasons of clarity).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> A Codex standard for these substances does not exist. The proposed Community measures respond to the advice of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the Food Chain of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA).

9.	<p><b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> European Commission Document SANCO/1524/2006 rev.1 (available in English). When adopted it will be published in the Official Journal available at:  <a href="http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOYear.do?year=2006">http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/JOYear.do?year=2006</a>.</p> <p>Directive 2002/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 May 2002 on undesirable substances in animal feed. A consolidated text (26/12/2005) is available at  <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/2002/L/02002L0032-20051226-en.pdf">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/site/en/consleg/2002/L/02002L0032-20051226-en.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Opinion of the Scientific Panel on contaminants in the Food Chain of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on a request from the Commission related to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>aldrin and dieldrin</b> as undesirable substance in animal feed, (9 November 2005)  <a href="http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1251/contam_op_ej285_aldrinanddieldrin_en1.pdf">http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1251/contam_op_ej285_aldrinanddieldrin_en1.pdf</a></li> <li>- <b>endosulfan</b> as undesirable substance in animal feed, (20 June 2005)  <a href="http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1025/contam_op_ej234_endosulfan_en_updated21.pdf">http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1025/contam_op_ej234_endosulfan_en_updated21.pdf</a></li> <li>- <b>gamma-HCH and other hexachlorocyclohexanes</b> as undesirable substance in animal feed, (4 July 2005)  <a href="http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1039/contam_op_ej250_hexachlorocyclohexanes_en2.pdf">http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1039/contam_op_ej250_hexachlorocyclohexanes_en2.pdf</a></li> <li>- <b>endrin</b> as undesirable substance in animal feed, (9 November 2005)  <a href="http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1252/contam_op_ej286_endrin_en1.pdf">http://www.efsa.eu.int/science/contam/contam_opinions/1252/contam_op_ej286_endrin_en1.pdf</a></li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> October 2006 (at this time it is not possible to estimate a more specific date).</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> October 2007</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> Sixty (60) days after the date of notification.</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National notification authority,</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>